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MY LOVE.
O, never doubt the love I bear
Deep in my soul for thee;
Not ever is the "circling air,"
The ever-flowing sea.

Then, like the flashing polar star
Set in heaven's glittering dome,
Dost guide my bark—or near or far—
Unto thy heart, my home!

O, think not that the songs I sing
Can lure my heart from thee;
Thou art the glad source whence they spring!
The fount of mirth.

They liquid eyes my lay inspire,
Thy voice leads music's charm;

They're thine! my soul is but the eye
That gives them cadence born.

O, what were Pangs to me, when thou
Left my lone nest, wist thou;
If cold indifference on thy brow
For love of me were changed?

Twore but an empty breath—a sound
That our dull'd hearing fell;
Ah, no! 'tis but sweet when found
In loving hearts to dwell!

Then never doubt the love I bear
Deep in my soul for thee;
Not ever is the "circling air,"
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Time's hand shall have no blighting pow'r,
The years no change shall bring
Unto my love, heaven's sweetest bower—
The hope to which I cling!

GETTING A HUSBAND.

"Strange! what can this mean? Is this a stupendous frauds a trick, or what?" And Dr. Pomeroy stared most vacantly at the closely-written sheet he held in his hand. He read:—

"Dr. Pomeroy, I will not apologize for the unpanpled service I am about to ask of you; suffice it to say I have heard your history, heard of your struggles, and realize how hard a task it is for one so young in the profession and without friends in the great wilderness of houses called a city. Also, permit me to add, I have been informed of the cruel blow you received from the hand of one you loved, who was a world over you, nor with you. Indeed, we have never looked upon one another's face. Nevertheless, I am about to request you to do me a great favor. Will you come to South Street church to-morrow at eight o'clock? Come repeatedly, unattended, and never repeat that which takes place there. Will you give me, a stranger to a law, a claim to your name, and not seek to know whom you marry? If you will do, I will make over to you the thousand dollars paid to you on your order of the bank as soon as the ceremony is over. Trust me, the money will be a temptation to you, and I shall anxiously await you at the appointed time."

That was all. There was no signature—nothing to give any clew to the writer's address or abode. Indeed, it was so terse and so unfeminine in its details that he was tempted to believe one of his male friends were playing a joke on him.

"I will not go—I will not be fooled!" he said to himself.

He flung themissive down, then he picked it up, folded it carefully, and thrust it into his pocket.

He remembered that he had a patient to visit, and went out; but everywhere the contents of that strange letter was ringing in his ears. He then went to see his mother. She was suffering even more than usual, and a number of dunning bills had been left to his consideration—bills which he had not the remotest idea how he was to meet. He threw them down and buried his face in his hands.

"Poverty is a curse, mother," he groaned. "I do not know which way to turn."

She tried to cheer him, but in vain. Everywhere he turned, hopeless chaos seemed to envelope him.

"Ah, if that letter were only real," he thought. "Fifty thousand dollars would make me rich."

And so he fretted and worried until the appointed hour came—one moment fearing he would not go near the place, and the next tempted to see the "face" out.

Eight o'clock found him stealing in. He saw two ladies closely veiled, and a gentleman standing in the upper part of the building, while the minister in a choir. The minister's eyes had glinted, and he could but distinguish his forms. As soon as he entered the building, a then advanced to one of the ladies.

"Are you Dr. Pomeroy?" she asked in low tone.

"I am." She led him to where the gentleman stood, and he extended his hand.

"How do you do, Pomeroy?" he said; and Dr. Pomeroy recognized in him the president of the City Bank. "I am here by the request of this young lady," pointing to the one who had not moved or spoken. "To inform you that if you agree to her proposition I am authorized to pay to your order the sum of fifty thousand dollars."

Pomeroy tried to speak but his voice was choked. It was no fraud; it was a reality. He stood motionless for a moment; then advanced and offered his arm to the silent lady. She took it without a quiver, and went with him to where the minister awaited them. The ceremony was quickly performed.

Dr. Pomeroy registered his name, and then left with the whole company, it the bold, plain signature "Ellen Latour" which his bride wrote down. The minister hastily filled out the certificate, which he had brought with him by request, and the maid and the banker signed as witnesses. The bride took it, kissed it and thrust it in her bosom. One moment more and the two glided swiftly away from sight.

Dr. Pomeroy wiped the perspiration from his brow, and then asked:—

"Who was she?"

"I do not know," said the minister. "I was requested by letter, and paid to perform the ceremony and keep it a secret. It is perfectly lawful."

"And I," said the banker, "did not see the lady's face. She deposited the money with me, and requested my assistance here to assure you that her promise should be faithfully fulfilled."

The three men separated; the gas was turned out; the curtain fell on the first act.

The next day Pomeroy tried to realize what he had done. He had sold his name to the unknown woman, but he thought that could not injure him.

She must have been in deadly peril, to pay an exorbitant price for a trifling name.

He took an office further up town, and moved his mother to a nicer home. Patients came pouring in; a different class employed the rich Dr. Pomeroy than those who had employed the poor one.

Five years had passed away, and he had gained a reputation and added considerably to his bank account. He had been an indefatigable worker, and now he felt that he needed rest for a while. "We will take a trip to Europe, mother. For love of me were changed?"

"But our an empty breath—a sound That our dull'd hearing fell; Ah, no! 'tis but sweet when found In loving hearts to dwell!"

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FASHION NOTES.

Plaids thin season, as last, are fancy plaids. There are broken or shaded plaids, several shades of the same color often forming the plaid and ground. One especially handsome fabric showed a shaded plaid with heavy diagonal twill thrown over it.

Broc plush is one of the novelties of the electric exhibition in Paris shows the need of our recent warning against fire from improperly laid wires for electric lights. The circumstances of the fire in Paris are not given in detail, but it is known that defects in the illuminating apparatus caused the outbreak, and a fireman was twice knocked down while attempting to tear out the wires from which the fire proceeded. It is a fact that during severe thunderstorms the electrical currents which may be expected to pass over such wires as those being laid in the buildings of a down-town district of New York, will be so powerful that the sparks will fly from the wires unless some device is provided to prevent such an occurrence.

Miss Mr. Edison considered this danger? If not, let him do so at once. We must have the electric light throughout our city, but it must not expose our buildings to the dangers of conflagration.—

New York Mail.

Prof. John Perry, in the Journal of the Society of Arts, thus tries to explain a new wrinkle in electricity:—"Let me come to the last of the developments of an aged couple at home seeing on their drawing-room wall an image of their children playing lawn-tennis on India, and of their conversing with the telephone. Mr. Ayer and myself and our wife to think of the children. We showed that it was feasible in a letter to Nature, and in the Times about a year ago. The feasibility of the method described by us was doubted, and we therefore proved it at a meeting of the Physical society four weeks ago. I mean to put before you in a slightly different form. Suppose that place is York and this is London. 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NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

HOLDERNESS.

Mr. John L. Shaw has purchased the Andrew Curry farm and is making some repairs on the place with the intention of moving on to the premises within a few days.

Mr. Arthur Nelson occupied the desk at the North Holderness church last Sabbath.

Grain is holding remarkably well this season and farmers have improved the good weather in caring for the crops.

Mr. Alvin Eastman has purchased the place by John L. Shaw.

Mrs. Jeremiah Sanborn is very sick with congestion of the lungs.

George W. Mooy has moved into his new house.

We should recommend that the town exempt from taxation for a term of years, a steam mill if H. H. Shepard consents to build one. It will be nothing more than hair to do so and will serve to encourage the building up of our town.

John H. Goodale, wife and daughter are recreating in town.

Frank O. Mason of Boston is stopping in town for a vacation. Mr. Mason is a fine violinist as all good judges admit.

The chimney in the old Facer Prescott house from Weymouth which contained 80,000 bricks, five fireplaces and other conveniences. A new box chimney has been built instead.

The guests at the Asquam House are thinning out somewhat.

Mrs. J. P. Whiten is in Boston on a visit.

The proprietor of the Asquam House, Mr. Morton, is quite all right.

Charles A. Eastman has made a bargain to protect Laura E. Farnham, better known as Nellie, through life; we think by the way that his new house is going up here at the bridge that he will do it. Rev. D. Batchelder performed the ceremony, Sunday evening the 4th inst.

WOODSTOCK.

There are a lot of summer boarders in town now and plenty of room for more.

N. H. Weeks' son drives the meat cart through this vicinity and folks are glad to get fresh meat every week.

Clark Dearborn sat his knee quite badly on the twenty-fifth but is getting along very well.

Mary A. Dearborn is gaining very slowly.

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The Elliott Brothers at the Flame House are meriting their old time reputation for giving good dinners and excellent entertainment to their guests to the full extent of the expense. Mr. Joe says, "How do you do?" and gives one of his beaming smiles, you feel at home right away.

Albert G. Fifield, the artist at the Flame, will soon discontinue his trade there and the place will then know him no more. The photographic business is to be carried on by another. Mr. Fifield will take his place in future. Mr. Fifield goes to Franklin Falls and will there take up his permanent residence and open a photographic saloon.

GROTON.

Mr. Henry Thrasher, a miner at the Bailey mine, had his right forearm somewhat injured by a falling stone last Friday, A. M.

Eight thousand pounds was the yield of mica from the Bailey mine last week.

A few guide boards in this town would be highly appreciated by the traveling public.

Sept. 2.

SANDWICH.

Jesus Cox has lost two valuable cows. They were taken sick without any apparent cause, and continued to grow worse; Dr. Mason of Moultonboro was called and at once said they had been poisoned. They became so feeble to stand and was killed while the other died a few days after. We hope there is no one in this vicinity bad enough to do an act like this.

Lucinda Pierce of North Sandwich has lost five year old heifers in one pasture. The disease is said to be pneumonia. The cows were from his best stock of Jersey.

CENTRE HARBOR.

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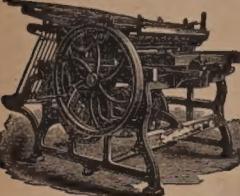
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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

MEREDITH MATTERS.

Mrs. Lane Plummer has been ill. H. E. Swain has been among us. Lina Towle has lately been here. John Sanborn has sold his house. John Dearborn has lost a valuable cow.

John Dearborn has built a new boat.

G. N. Birby has been stopping here.

H. N. Newell, of Concord, has been here.

W. E. McPherson has been away on a visit.

John Sanborn has returned from Pittsfield.

The schools opened with about 120 pupils.

Jennie Edgerly has gone home to Gilman.

Mrs. Moses Marshall has been visiting friends.

Luke Kelley has been improving his premises.

Mr. Edgerly is teaching in districts 8 and 10.

J. C. Avery has been at work for Robinson & Son.

Eben Smith and daughter have returned to Boston.

Mrs. Nellie Horn, of Dover, has been visiting here.

Abbie Birby has come back from Old Orchard beach.

Col. Stevens and D. F. Bean have procured new carriages.

The Meredith association meet in the Baptist church soon.

The Guy family gave a good entertainment Monday night.

John R. McCrillis, of Marlboro', Mass., has been visiting here.

S. H. Robie, of the Concord, Bladie has been here on business.

Harry Hilman has been here.

O. S. Pipe's wife and sister both fell into Squam Lake recently from a boat, but were rescued.

Jerry Homans has moved to Franklin.

Dr. Sanborn has lately lost a valuable horse.

Miss Eva Beede has become a member of the Wilmington Conference Academy, Dover, Delaware.

S. H. Malou and W. S. Lovejoy have been repairing their buildings.

Miss Alice Emery, of Centre Harbor, is attending the High school here.

A dog chasing a rabbit drove a camping party to their boat, near the Neck, recently.

Miss Laura Clement will close her singing school with a concert Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Town hall. The programme will consist of a variety of songs by the children; also, solos by Miss Laura Clement, soprano, Mrs. S. W. Rollins, accompanist. Tickets, 20 cents. Reserved seats, 30 cents. Doors open at 7:15; concert to commence at 7:45.

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TEMPERANCE.

The Cleveland Board of Trade presented a gold medal to John Miller, a modest hero of that city, a driver by occupation, who has saved from drowning at least seventy-five persons. According to a daily paper Mr. Miller formerly led a dissipated life, but since his reformation four years ago, he has won the respect and admiration of thousands by his sturdy morality, usefulness, and dauntless courage.

An ordinance made necessary by the licensed saloons in Sacramento, Cal., makes it a misdemeanor for minors under 16 years of age to be on the street after a certain hour of the evening, unless accompanied by guardians or provided with a pass. When this appears in the ordinary house, the boys and girls who sit there by the evening lamp, will lament at once the stupidity and say, "Why shut up the boys and girls and leave open the saloons?"

There may be those who will take a boy of eighteen years of age, pure and sweet and clean, and give him his first glass of wine, but I would not do it for all the money that has been coined in buying and selling drink since alcohol was first discovered. I would rather give to that poor, shrieking, blaspheming wretch the last glass that never left him in delirium tremens to blow out his brains than I would his first glass. Give him no first and there will be no second. —Gough.

But let us be more explicit. Is not intemperance the most terrible evil of modern times? Is there a nation in the world not quivering in its folds like Lucifer in the python's coils? Is there a family it is not surely more hurtfully touched? Is there one life it does not daily or hourly touch? Is there one human being whom it has not in some way wronged or injured? Is it not a ubiquitous curse? Is there not a good thing of which it is not the active and powerful enemy? And is it not daily increasing its power for mischief? Does it not constantly destroy souls? —Rev. G. F. Morris.

These politicians were alarmed, and they are somewhat anxious to-day, though they put in a kink of milk and water plank in their platform to try to quiet these men. The mighty West, which has been sown with the best seed from New England, as well as with some foreign seed which is not so good, holds the balance of power in the Republic, and there is coming up a temperance movement, a rising tide, that is to be felt in this country in the days to come with tremendous effect, not in all the movements of the South and West in the East and West, that we are marching on. I believe the spirit manifested here is like the spirit of the color-bearer who carried his flag clear into the face of the foe. The captain said: "Brave, bring those colors back to the men." He turned his flushed face and said: "Never! captain, bring your men up to the colors." This is the spirit, I believe, that animates temperance men all along the line. We are determined not to carry our colors back to the lag-gards, and parties and politicians; we will not deal with them longer, but demand of them to come up to the colors if they want our support.—Rev. J. O. Peck, D. D.

There is not a temperance man or woman who is not glad when men of their manifest their gladness and encouragement? "Now, my friend, I have you all stick to it." Is that encouraging? I do not believe there ever was a drunkard who signed the pledge but was afraid he could not keep it. Perhaps you want to shake hands with him, and you do not encourage him by saying: "Now, seek you if you only stick to it." A friend of mine stood by the pledge-table in Exeter Hall, London, when a poor drunken, ignorant sot, a broken-down prize-fighter, a champion of the light-weights, thirty-two years old, signed the pledge. My friend was a builder, and an employed seven or eight hundred men, and he wished to have this poor drunkard. Did he say: "I hope you will stick to it; it will be a good thing for you if you stick to it?" No; but he asked: "Where are you going to sleep to-night?" "Where I did last night." "Where was that?" "In the street." "No, you don't; you signed the pledge." The man joined our society, you belong to us; you are going home with me." He told me that his wife had to burn the bed-clothes the next morning; but what sort of bed-clothes compared with a man? He did not mind the burning of the bed-clothes so long as that man recovered sufficiently from the effects of drink to go to work. He was very ignorant, but he learned his letters and how to put them together. Two years afterwards he stood up in that Sunday-school and thanked God that he ever went there, and to-day that man is one of the most effective city missionaries in White-chapel. This is the way to save men. These poor fellows need help.—John B. Gough.

Alcoholism in Heredity.

If then, as we have seen, we expect not only physical, mental and moral traits to continue in families, generation after generation; if also we fear the descent of a given weakness, taint or disease in either of our parents; if it is also expected to imitate themselves upon children, why should we expect alcoholism and its attendant evils to form an exception to this unvarying rule?

The exception. Nearly all the diseases which the drinker brings upon himself he is liable to transmit to the child. An eminent English physician says: "Nearly all diseases springing from indulgence in distilled and fermented liquors are liable to become hereditary, and descend to at least two or three generations, and if the drinking habit is kept up, till, happily, the plague-spotted race dies out." Dr. Norman Kerr says: "Physical diseases caused by habitual intemperance are as follows: alcoholism, phthisis, alcoholism, rheumatism, gout, and gout, are often imprinted on the mind of the child. At the present day when the name of alcoholism is legion, what a fearful heritage for the child. Party degeneration of the liver, or 'beer liver' as English doctors call them—kidney diseases, the older diseases of the apple shires in England, the lung diseases of the whisky drinkers, the heart disease and softening of the brain, to which all drinkers are subject, are some of the fearful list.—Mrs. M. G. C. L. will.

The state militia at camp Garfield was reviewed recently by Gov. Littlefield, accompanied by Gov. Long and Gov. Farharn of Vermont.

Lieut-Commander B. Long Edes of Washington, D. C., and Lieut. Lyman G. Spaulding of Portsmouth, N. H., were killed at Newport recently while performing military duty there.

The presumption was that the class was to graduate in two days and that these preparations were connected with the annual experiments. They had what is known as a court closer, and when knobs of these are struck, the torpedoes explode.

One of the well-known soldiers, Lieut. Edes and Spaulding, were blown at least 30 feet into the air, and the report was heard in town. Mr. Edes leaves a widow in town. Mr. Edes leaves a widow. Spaulding was unmarried.

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New England News.

Maine.

The will of Harriet Foster, a deaf person, was offered for probate at East Machias, recently, but the judge said his infirmity made him incompetent to dispose of his estate.

There were 451 patients in the Augustan insane asylum last week, the largest number in the history of the institution.

An aged farmer in Turner disagreed with a neighbor about a boundary line 50 years ago, and on a certain rock that marked it, set an old stone and solemnly placed it with a stone and charged his descendants to let it lie there forever. It has not been touched since then until a few days ago, when a scrupulous man from Auburn lifted up the stone and replaced the old book still well preserved.

B. G. Chace, the treasurer of the Quindick company, having in his own name sent a supply of cotton to the Quindick company's mills, which are now owned by the New Haven company, has been indicted for perjury. The indictment was filed at the office of the Kent county attorney, and the trial date set for Aug. 25.

Connecticut.

Wethersfield was famous for its onions 50 or 60 years ago, when they were shipped all over the United States and to the West Indies. Smut and maggots have ruined the onion crops, and now the position, and a committee will make a temporary few are raised.

A New London man has an ancient silver sugar-bowl with a history. It formerly belonged to Capt. Charles Belcher, a lieutenant under Paul Jones, of Buenos Ayres. It is thought to be the property of the crew of the Bon Homme Richard in one of their descents on the Scotch coast. It bears the crest of Selkirk-on-the-Dee.

John T. Moody, superintendent of the New York division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road, writes President Watrous that he will resign to take a position as a school superintendent and a train director. The road usually pays 15 per cent, dividends.

A daughter of S. Thurber of Putnam jumped from a bridge recently and was drowned. She is supposed to have been the victim of a love affair.

The coroner's jury at New Haven decided that Caroline Brown, the colored woman who recently died, was killed by lockjaw caused by a murderer who had a gun with him, shot her wife dangerously, by accident, it is claimed. Twenty shots have been taken from her body. Gilbert is arrested.

Bartel's memorial association of mutes, embracing most of the deaf mutes of Connecticut, nearly 100, closed a three-days-meeting at Norwichtown recently.

REFORMS.

HONEST DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

One day a Lobster, who had been beaten at Old Sledge, went over to see the Shark, and the two poor souls talked it over until their eyes and finally decided to call a reform convention. A call was written and sent to "Many Citizens" and duly posted so that all might read. When the hour arrived it brought the Shark, the Lobster, the Devil Fish, the Wolf, the Tiger, the Eagle, the Serpent, and the Alligator, and it was really affecting to see their tears when they shook hands and spoke of the painful necessity that had brought them together.

The Shark took the chair and announced that he was a strong advocate of reform. He had heard of the Wolf eating sheep, and he felt that such things must be stopped, or the country would be lost.

"It is any worse to eat sheep than, sirs, I want to say to all," he retorted to the Wolf. "Besides that, it is the Tiger who raises all this outcry by his misdeeds. I move you, sir, that he be reformed."

"Gentlemen," slowly remarked the Tiger as he rose up, "I've been maliciously slandered. I'm a law-abiding citizen, and I think it too bad that every murder committed by the Devil Fish should be laid at my door. I hope he will reform."

"Mr. Chairman, I am astonished," remarked the Devil Fish, as he took the floor. "I suppose you all know the reason why I am here to-day?" he said. "I want to shake hands with him, and you do not encourage him by saying: 'Now, seek you if you only stick to it.' A friend of mine stood by the pledge-table in Exeter Hall, London, when a poor drunken, ignorant sot, a broken-down prize-fighter, a champion of the light-weights, thirty-two years old, signed the pledge. My friend was a builder, and an employed seven or eight hundred men, and he wished to have this poor drunkard. Did he say: 'I hope you will stick to it; it will be a good thing for you if you stick to it?' No; but he asked: 'Where are you going to sleep to-night?' 'Where I did last night.' 'Where was that?' 'In the street.' 'No, you don't; you signed the pledge.' The man joined our society, you belong to us; you are going home with me." He told me that his wife had to burn the bed-clothes the next morning; but what sort of bed-clothes compared with a man? He did not mind the burning of the bed-clothes so long as that man recovered sufficiently from the effects of drink to go to work. He was very ignorant, but he learned his letters and how to put them together. Two years afterwards he stood up in that Sunday-school and thanked God that he ever went there, and to-day that man is one of the most effective city missionaries in White-chapel. This is the way to save men. These poor fellows need help.—John B. Gough.

The authorities of Bellows Falls raised some liquor dealers recently, and four were fined \$200 and costs each.

The contract of ex-Gov. Proctor, of the Sutherland Falls marble company, with the proprietors of the pillars of the new state-house of Indiana, is reported to have been a large losing venture on the part of the marble company.

"That's another!" exclaimed the Alligator as he left his chair. For years past I have borne the odium of crimes committed by the Eagle, and I'll be hanged if I stand it any longer! Reform must begin with the Eagle."

"I rise to say," explained the Eagle, "that I look so much like the Serpent that he should be his misdeeds off on my back. I hope the convention will hurt his feelings, but not mine."

"Well, now, but I am surprised!" observed the Serpent. "The wicked Alligator has so managed that I may be held responsible for his crimes. He comes on shore, kills an ox or horse, directs the finger of suspicion at me, and then hustles back to his water house and is safe. Gentlemen, I ask to be set right in the eyes of the world."

The Lobster arose, heaved a deep sigh as he looked around, and then said: "If the Fish-Worm had been invited to this convention I should have a chance to clear myself by charging him with the attending physicians had failed to administer them to the sick man."

Yellow fever is still raging in Senegal. In some localities the pestilence is causing a panic. Ships announced to sail for France are flooded with applications for berths.

Affairs in Zululand are causing much anxiety. Sir Evelyn Wood will hold a general convention to meet the recent and most serious disturbances and chronic. General the head chiefs are marching through the country with large armed following.

Tuckerman's ravine in the White mountains has a snow-bank 100 feet long.

The fisheries are poor on the Labrador coast and starvation is feared the coming winter.

A young man of 20, named Crawford, near Port Jervis, ate 150 oysters on a wagon without chewing them, and died in great agony.

The Union steamer Trenton, with 200 souls on board, including the passengers and crew, has been wrecked near Quoit point, South Africa. Only 27 persons were saved in the steamer's boats, according to one of the crew.

A doctor from Geneva says two Englishmen ascended Mount Niesen, near Lake Thun, in company with a party of Americans, recently. One of the Englishmen, a clergyman, died of exhaustion on the journey.

A whole family have gone insane near Dubuque, Ia. Mary McMahon, a farmer's daughter, entered a asylum two weeks ago, and became insane. Her mother visited her at the asylum and became raving while there. The daughter died Monday, the mother a day or two after, and the sight of their dead mother made a son and daughter insane, while the father is nearly insane with grief.

Fourteen socialists have been exiled from Berlin for their connection with the propaganda in favor of Herr Bebel's election. A farewell dinner to the socialists was prevented by the arrest of 50 guests, who were, however, soon released.

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National Capital Notes.

The government revenues for August foot up nearly \$40,000,000, the debt statement showing a decrease of \$14,000,000. The treasury continues to gain money notwithstanding the redemption of the note and gold bond purchases are suspended. Little of the money paid for the 5's has reached the New York market. It is even rumored that the 5's extended to 3 1/2 per cent are to be called for redemption. Secretary Windom said that there had yet been no decision to issue them, and for those who have been told that bonds would next be called, when a call would be issued or what amount would be embraced.

These questions, however, the secretary admitted, would have to be met sooner or later. There are no bonds which can be called except the continued 5's and 6's. The considerable interest is shown as to which series of the bonds will at a time when he was there.

POISON IN ICE-CREAM.

The peculiar sickness that has proselytized a number of persons in the Hungarian city of Pesth, is the occasion of an interesting letter to a journal of that city by a prominent physician, stating the cause of the disease to be the flavoring in some vanilla ice-cream that the patients had been eating. The vanilla beans are often picked before they are ripe, and are then liable to get into a state in which they are extremely injurious, producing a morbid condition resembling, but not the same as cholera. Dr. Herkert mentions an epidemic in the city of Berlin produced by this cause at a time when he was there.

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A MODERN MIRACLE.

The Most Marvelous Experience of One to Another Living Citizen—How One Overcame His Disease by the Circumstances and the Overwhelming Troubles of His Life.

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THE MARKETS.

From	Western Superior	\$5.00	\$5.50
Compton Extra	5.75	6.25	
Corn	65	75	
Flour	55	65	
Grain	55	65	
Selections	25	28	
Fruit to good	11	12	12
Fruit to fair	11	12	12
Eggs—Eastern and near-by	25	28	31
Potatoes (100 lbs.)	1.25	1.25	1.25
Onions per lb.	2.25	2.50	2.50
Peas, per bushel	2.00	2.00	2.00
Watermelons, per 100 lbs.	15.00	16.00	16.00
Hay	11.00	21.00	21.00
Pork—Hams	21.00	22.00	22.00
Beef—Mutton	14.50	15.00	15.00

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